

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-9, and 14-22 are now pending in the application. Claims 1 and 14-16 are currently amended. Claims 10-13 are cancelled by this amendment. No claims are newly added. Support for the foregoing amendment can be found throughout the specification, drawings, and claims as originally filed. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 10-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daugman (U.S. Pat. No. 5,291,560; "Daugman") in view of Flom (U.S. Pat. No. 4,641,349; "Flom"). Claim 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Min (U.S. Pat. No. 6,760,467; "Min") in view of Flom and Jones (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0107801; "Jones"). Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Min in view of Flom. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicant has cancelled claims 10-13, thereby rendering the rejection moot as to these claims. Claim 14 is amended to be only dependent upon claim 1. Claims 15 and 16 are amended to include the features of the allowed claim 1. Claim 1 is amended to correct a minor typographical error. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 14-16 define patentable subject matter over the combination of cited references. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant acknowledges that the Examiner has allowed claims 1, 4-9 and 17-22.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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